

Andrew Jackson to Charles Jones Love, February 28, 1830, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO COLONEL CHARLES J. LOVE

Washington, February 28, 1830.

My D'r sir, I have this moment received your two letters of the 13th instant, which advises me of your having closed the contract with Capt Mosely for the 150 acres of land, and the same has been surveyed by William Donelson Esqr. That this is a choice peace of land I well know, and all important to make the Winston tract profitable, and valuable; and for these reasons, (added to the anxiety expressed by Capt Mosely to sell to me, under my cir[cum]stances in life) were the reasons that alone induced me to purchase. I am happy to find you have closed the contract, and will be prepared to meet the payment on your draft. I feel greatly indebted to Mr Hill for his kind and liberal proposition, but am determined not to be *indebted*, therefore, will expect you to inform me, whether I had better send on the amount there, or await your order here. I am in hopes that from the rise that has taken place in cotton in England, the demand for it in Europe, by the increased manufactories, added to the deficiency of the crops in america, that in all next month cotton will rise. if mine should not be sold before the middle of next month, I am well convinced it will bring me at orleans, from eleven to twelve cents—should it, it will meet my debt to mr Josiah Nichol, and I can meet the other here, but should my cotton prove deficient in meeting my debt there, the ballance I will remit, or meet here on a draft.

So soon as I hear from you that the Deed is executed by Capt Mosely, I will write you fully on the plan of farming you propose. I have no doubt it will be profitable, and I will thank you to give directions to my overseer with regard to the quantity of corn and cotton to plant

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—about one hundred and fifty or 160 acres of cotton is as much as I think ought to be planted; and as much corn as the hands can, with moderate work, cultivate well. If the Deed is made by Capt mosely, I wish you to say to my overseer, that I want him to see mr Sanders, and get him to turn the Lebanon road from Mr Jones by Mr Sanders, and inclose the clear land bought of Capt mosely by running my fence due north on the line to the North East corner of the land bought, etc. etc., and include it in the north field of Winstons, if his situation will permit him to do it this spring, but not to attempt it, if it will throw him back with his crop. The first moments leisure I shall write mr Steel on this subject. I had been advised by Mr Cryer that the gray stud coalt had been taken back. I directed that he should be sent home, as I intended to breed from him that is, I will have my Viriginian, and the cotton mare put to him, the others are too nigh akin to him. I have directed him to [be] called *Bolivar* , and to be let to mares of fifteen in, and twenty dollars out of the season. Whether he will make a good stand in my neighbourhood I cannot say, and if a stand cannot be got for him, whether it would not be better not to advertise him at all, but just keep him for my own and major Donelsons mares and such of my neighbours that might choose to send to him. I believe he is a better horse than any in the west except Sir William and his blood is equal to his, but when leisure permits I will write you on this subject again

With my best respects to your amiable lady and family believe me yr friend